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SUBJECT: MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 3-4

REF: AGENDA MT/A(75)1 (1ST REVISION)

1. SUMMARY. COMMITTEE AGREED TO HOLD CONSULTATION EXERCISE AT NEXT MEETING ON QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY U.S. DEL. QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY SWEDEN ARE TO BE REVISED AND MAY BE CONSIDERED AT SOME LATER MEETING. REPORT OF AD-HOC GROUP ON FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE WAS APPROVED FOR DERESTRICTION. AD-HOC GROUP WILL CONTINUE UNDER NEW MANDATE TO BE APPROVED AT NEXT MTC SESSION. NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON UN CODE. QUESTIONS RELATED TO SHIPPING TREATIES WILL BE PURSUED AT NEXT MEETING. US DEL WAS HEADED BY WM. J. SMITH, JR., DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR, FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION, ASSISTED BY FRANK RAITER, FMC, EDMOND ANTOUN, COMMERCE, AND SERGE R. FOY, USOECD. END SUMMARY

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2. AGENDA ITEM 2 - ELECTIONS.

WORM (DENMARK) WAS RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN; GEORGACOPOULOS (GREECE) AND ROWLAND (AUSTRALIA) WERE ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMEN.

3. AGENDA ITEM 3 - SUMMARY RECORD.

SUMMARY RECORD OF JAN. 22-23 MEETING WAS APPROVED WITHOUT COMMENT.

4. AGENDA ITEM 4 - COMMERCIAL SHIPPING MATTERS.

MTC SECRETARIAT GAVE ORAL REPORT UPDATING ITS REVIEW OF SHIPPING SITUATION AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FREIGHT MARKET, OBSERVED THAT TANKER MARKET CONTINUES TO DECLINE, AND NOTED THAT REOPENING OF SUEZ CANAL MAY WORSEN PROBLEM OF EXCESS TONNAGE. (SECRETARIAT'S ORAL ASSESSMENT WAS MORE NEGATIVE THAN THAT EXPRESSED IN MT(75)4.)

5. AGENDA ITEMS 5 AND 6 - SHIPPING POLICY MATTERS.

JAPAN DEL STATED THERE ARE NO UNUSUAL FEATURES CONTAINED IN THE JAPAN - PRC SHIPPING AGREEMENT. STEELE (UK) REPORTED ON LOS CONFERENCE ON MATTERS AFFECTING SHIPPING AND STATED DELIBERATIONS DID NOT PRESENT ANY NEW PROBLEMS FOR THE INDUSTRY. COMMITTEE DEPLORED SRI LANKA LEVIES ON CARGO AND CENTRAL FREIGHT, AS WELL AS PHILIPPINE DECREE 667. US DEL REPORTED ON BILLS BEFORE CONGRESS AND US-USSR FREIGHT STATISTICS. UK DEL REPORTED BP-IRAN PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT THAT NO TONNAGE FIGURES CAN BE PREDICTED AT THE PRESENT TIME. CONSENSUS IS THAT OPEC WILL PUSH HARD FOR PREFERENCE MEASURES, AND THAT NIGERIA WILL SHIP 30 PERCENT OF ITS OIL EXPORTS. THE GON, HOWEVER, HAS NOT YET FORMULATED LEGISLATION.

6. AGENDA ITEM 7 - SHIPPING TREATIES.

DELEGATES DID NOT APPEAR PREPARED TO DISCUSS NATIONAL TREATMENT AND MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSES IN SHIPPING TREATIES AND AGREED TO PURSUE MATTER AT NEXT MTC SESSION.

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7. AGENDA ITEM 8 - FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE.

MTC AGREED TO ADOPT AND DERESTRICT REPORT. SWEDEN REQUESTED MEMBERS TO BRING A POLITICAL MANDATE TO NEXT MEETING TO RIGIDLY CONTROL FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE. COMMITTEE AGREED TO CONTINUE AD-HOC GROUP ON FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE, AND TO REFER TO IT BRITISH AND FRENCH PRO-

POSALS FOR FUTURE WORK. AD-HOC GROUP WILL MEET JUNE 27, 1975.

8. AGENDA ITEM 9 - UNCTAD.

HINZ (FRG) WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL GROUP ON UNCTAD SHIPPING QUESTIONS. DISCUSSION ON UN CODE WAS

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DISTINGUISHED BY LACK OF SUBSTANCE, AND DIVERGENT VIEWS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES WERE REITERATED.

9. AGENDA ITEM 10 - 1975 ANNUAL REPORT.

COMMITTEE APPROVED OUTLINE FOR SPECIAL CHAPTER ON "ENERGY TRANSPORT BY SEA IN A NEW CONTEXT". SECRETARIAT WILL NOW PREPARE REPORT.

10. AGENDA ITEM 11 - CONSULATATION AND CONFRONTATION EXERCISE.

QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED BY US AND SWEDEN. SWEDEN'S

QUESTIONS, WHICH DEALT WITH ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL SHIP-OWNERS, WERE MET WITH STRONG OPPOSITION FROM FRANCE AND GERMANY. MTC UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO ANSWER US QUESTIONS ON MARITIME RELATIONS WITH USSR AND PRC, CARGO SHARING PROVISIONS, AND PERCENTAGE OF TRADE CARRIED BY RESPECTIVE FLAGS. HOWEVER, FRG PROPOSED THAT DATA BE SUBMITTED FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO DEMONSTRATE HISTORICAL PATTERN. MTC DEFERRED A DECISION ON SWEDISH QUESTIONS UNTIL NEXT SESSION.

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11. AGENDA ITEM 12 - OTHER BUSINESS.

COMMITTEE AGREED TO HOLD ITS NEXT SESSION ON OCT. 21-22. SPECIAL GROUP ON UNCTAD WILL MEET OCT. 23-24 TO PREPARE FOR NOVEMBER SESSION OF UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING. KATZ

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